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Reforms in FPIs

3941. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to initiate reforms in the food-processing sector in various States, particularly in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the incentives being provided/proposed to be provided to the food processing industries in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (c) Introduction of reforms in food processing sector is an ongoing process Government has taken several steps from time to time for promotion of food processing industries in all States including Pubjab. Accordingly most of the processed food items are exempted form purview of licensing under the Industrial (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951. Excise duty on fruit and vegetable products and cold chain has been removed. In the year 2004-05, Government has allowed under Income Tax Act, a deduction of 100% of profit for five years and 25% of profits for the next five years in case of new agro processing, industries set up to process, preserve and package fruits and vegetables. Excise duty of 16% on dairy machinery has been fully waived for promotion of dairy processing industries. Excise duty on meat poultry and fish has been reduced from 16% to 8%. Recently in the Budget of 2005-06, excise duty of Re. 1.00 per kg on refined edible oil and 1.25 per kg on vanaspati was abolished and customs duty on refrigerated vans was reduced from 20% to 10%.

Plan schemes have also been formulated to provide financial assistance for establishment and modernization of food processing units, creation of infrastructure, support for Research and Development, human resources

development besides other promotional measures to encourage development of food processing industries, for all parts of the country including Punjab.

Medical Graduates Rural Service

3942. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the Government are considering to make medical graduates rural services as compulsory;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to revise the graduate and postgraduate courses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by the Government in the regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) At present there is no such proposal to meke rural service compulsory for medical graduates.

(c) to (d) Proposal for amendment to "Graduate Medical Education Regulation, 1977" and Post Graduate Medical Education Regulation, 2000" have been received form Medical Council of India. The same are under consideration.

Medical Facilities in Bihar

3943. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the detail of super speciality/speciality/general hospitals in Bihar;

(b) the satisfaction level of services being provided to those hospitals;

(c) the complaints/suggestion received in respect of deficiencies/ improvement in the services and action taken thereon; and

(d) the total fund required for upgrading the health-care facilities in Bihar?